

MEETING MINUTES
VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
THURSDAY, March 17, 2016
LOS DURANES COMMUNITY DENTER
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jim Souter

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

II. COUNCILOR ROLL CALL: Chair Jim Souter

Present:

James Souter - Chair

Edwina Kiro – Vice Chair

Richard Deichsel - Secretary

Kathleen O'Malley

Jennifer Rhea

Paul Watson

Joan Wierzba

Officer John Burley

Absent

Maxine Cowton

Also Present:

Consultants:

Sgt. Terysa Bowie

Det. George Gabaldon

Resource Director:

Celina Espinoza, APD, Communications and Community Outreach Director

Community members present: See attached sign in sheet

III. APPROVAL OF February 17, 2016 MINUTES

Motion to approve the February, 2016 Minutes was made Joan Wierzba, seconded by Kathleen O'Malley, and approved by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jennifer Rhea, seconded by Paul Watson, and approved by voice vote.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

A. James Ginger – APD/DOJ Settlement Agreement Monitor

1. Introduced his history, experience, and the responsibilities of being a D.O.J. Settlement Agreement Monitor.

2. Explained the frustrations his Monitor team is having with APD, and why it's behind schedule in the process.
3. Talked about Steve Rickman, Consultant to the CPCs
 - a. Securing funding to assist the CPCs
 - b. Will help facilitate CPC process
 - 1) Get info to and from CPC's and APD
 - 2) Help develop strategic plan for APD
4. Questions from and answers to Guests and Councilors
5. Updated Policies and Standard Operating Procedures are posted on the APD website.

B. Thiena COLON – APD Forward

1. Broad based organization
 - a. Follow APD's progress through the Settlement Agreement process
 - b. Help move APD forward so the people of ABQ can have the professional, responsible, and community-friendly police department they demand and deserve.
 - c. Build a better ABQ by holding APD accountable, monitoring the implementation of reforms, and restoring community trust.
2. Questions from and answers to Guests and Councilors
3. Digest of the Monitor's report is posted on website – apdforward.org.

VI. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

A. Director and Committee reports

1. Chair Souter reviewed reports for the following areas
 - a. North Valley – Chair Jim Souter
 - b. Broadway – Paul Watson
 - c. Rio Grande – Kathleen O'Malley/Edwina Kiro
 - d. Downtown – Richard Deichsel
 - e. Historic – Maxine Cowton
 - f. Near North Valley – Joan Wierzba
 - g. Directions Committee – Jennifer Rhea

B. New Business

1. Voice recognition software for officers to dictate reports
 - a. Creates better report writing time efficiency, saving City \$\$\$
 - b. Chair Souter asked for a motion to approve a recommendation to APD.
 - c. Discussion resulted in tabling the motion to request a City IT specialist to speak at a future Directors meeting.
 - 1) Advise City IT's implementation capability vs. hiring an outside
2. VACCPC Meeting days and time
 - a. Move to Fourth Thursday evening each month
 - b. 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 - c. Next meeting scheduled for April 21st.
3. Announcement: CPC Councilors training
 - a. At APD Police Academy – Saturdays, April 16 and 23rd

- from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
4. Announcement: March 22rd CPOB Summit Meeting
 - a. At Plaza Del Sol – 600 2nd St. – 6:00 – 8:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 PM by Joan Wierba, seconded by Kathleen O'Malley, and approved by voice vote

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Richard Deichsel - Secretary